

## **Goytre United Squad Players & Management Team - Season 2014-2015**

**Luke MARTIN** – Goalkeeper, 13.9.93.

Quality goalkeeper with a great future; spent six years as Swansea City. Had spells at Port Talbot and West End. Superb shot stopper and great prospect.

**Kyle GRAVES** – Defender, 1.4.89

Previous Swansea City defender, left to join Haverfordwest and later Carmarthen Town. Joined Neath in 2008. Recalled by Swansea city in 2008/09 and went out on loan to Swedish Club Ostersunds. Great fullback who also plays in midfield.

**Jordan DAVIES** – Midfield, 5.7.90

Quality mid field player, played for Aberystwyth and Llanelli in the Welsh premier. Strong fit player with an eye for goal, superb passer of the ball

**Ross JONES** – Midfield, 17.2.90

Signed from West End tenacious mid field player with great energy. Covers every blade of grass and a great asset to any team.

**Michael WATERS** – Midfield, 22.3.85

Several years at the Club. A Welsh Youth International, left sided player previous clubs, Neath, Aberystwyth and Afan Lido. Played in United previous Championship winning squad. Has a great turn of place with a sweet left foot.

**Joseph CLARKE** - Midfield, 13.9.91

Club Captain, signed from West End in the middle of 2012 has two great feet with excellent vision and free kick specialist.

**Luke MORGAN** – Defender, 10.10.91 signed from Kilvey in the Swansea Senior League, determined player with great heart. Very reliable with a great future in the game.

**Nicky HOLLAND** – Midfield, 24.4.89

through the Swansea City youth ranks, experienced Welsh Premier player. Gained U17 Wales International caps.

**Adam ORME** – Striker, 24.10.91

lively striker, Swansea City youth player, Welsh Premier experience with Llanelli, signed from Moreland City, Australia.

**Callum HOLDEN** – mid field 23.3.95, signed from Treforest, previous Clubs include Cambrian & Clydach excellent prospect with plenty of pace will give our team a new dimension

**Sam WADE** – Midfield/Striker, 26.8.90

Previous Clubs Pontardawe Town, Afan Lido, tenacious player with great feet, several seasons at the Club. Plays in midfield or strikes. Very tricky player who scores goals.

**Craig STEINS** – Striker, 31.7.84

Former Merthyr favourite, several seasons at the Club, joined from Neath Athletic. Spent his early years at Leeds United and then on loan at Swansea City. Capped six times for Wales U19's.

**Darius WATERS** – Defender 2.2.94

Signed from Briton Ferry Llansawel, tall strong defender, spent time at Wigan Athletic

**Ian HILLIER** – Defender 26.12.79

A Welsh under-21 international, Hillier began his professional career at Tottenham Hotspur before joining Luton Town on loan in August 2001. He made his professional debut in a 2–1 win over Cheltenham Town on 18 August and went on to make a total of 13 appearances in all competitions

**Tim HICKS** – Striker 5.4.83

Over 200 WPL appearances, versatile plays strike or mid field previous Clubs include Carmarthen Town and Haverfordwest County.

**Richard RYAN** – Striker 22.9.83

United legend holds top scorer record. Prolific striker third spell at the Club

**Craig JONES** – Mid field/defender 26.3.87

Previous Clubs include Afan Lido, Llanelli and Port Talbot, Welsh Premier experience. Voted into the league managers' dream team in his first season with the Reds, he also gained Wales semi-professional international honours.

**Jordan EDWARDS** – Striker 6.10.93

Signed from Briton Ferry Llansawel, very lively attacking player plenty of pace, great future in the game.

**Jason BERTORELLI** – Striker 4.3.86

signed from Port Talbot Town, prolific goal scorers in the Welsh League over the years with Cambrian & Clydach. Very strong and aggressive who will give defenders a torrid time

**Carl PAYNE** - Tenacious midfield player, previous clubs Port Talbot and Afan Lido, great energy in the middle of the park, will provide great strength and scores goals.

**Jake PARRY** – Fullback, young enterprising player with a great left foot, provides great service down the flanks, signed from Port Talbot Town.

**Management Staff**

**Club Manager**

**Andrew HILL:** Capped for Wales at U18 level and a Welsh Cup Youth winner. Previous Clubs, Pontardawe, Llanelli, Neath and Afan Lido. Welsh League top goalscorer in 2003. Prolific goalscorer in the Welsh Premier before stepping down as a player in 2012. Now Club Manager, at our Club with a great future.

**Assistant Manager/Club Coach/Physio**

**Chris MILLER:** Works for the FAW, previous Clubs Haverfordwest, Carmarthen and Llanelli, top coach and physio. Very experienced striker while playing, with a great turn of speed. Suffered long term injury whilst playing. Chris is now a chartered Physiotherapist and Sport Scientist and provides excellent professionalism at the Club.

**Assistant Manager/Club Coach**

**Stephen Pockett:** Capped by Wales at youth level and with Port Talbot and Cardiff City before becoming a member of the Skewen Athletic side that won the Welsh league in 2003/4. Previous Clubs include Carmarthen Town, Neath Athletic. Returns to Club as part of the Management Team

**Goalkeeping Coach**

**Craig EVANS** Former goal keeping coach at Neath AFC, will provide specialist support and experience to our staff.

## **Goytre United Club History**

In the spring of 1963 a new era began for the footballing village of Goytre. A tin box holding what funds the club had been handed to new football secretary Boris Suhanski. Boris was a 37 years old football lover and was keen to re-establish Goytre as a football village. Together with fellow founder members John H Tobin and David G Evans the journey began. Utilising these funds Goytre United Football Club was reborn. Times were hard for the village football club during the sixties and early seventies but patience and commitment from a hard working committee started to pay dividends. The Club were members of the Port Talbot and District Football League but were promoted to the South Wales Amateur League in the late sixties. After a successful opening spell things became more difficult and the Club was eventually relegated back into the Port Talbot League in the late seventies. This was a setback to all concerned at our Club, but the Club had to take stock and a re-building process took place. Part of that re-building process took place in 1982 when the Goytre United AFC Social Club opened its doors. The Social Club went from strength to strength; our hard working committee acted as staff on a voluntary basis to serve the community and is still being run in this way today. Countless hours are being spent behind the bar serving, with all funds being made to help the cause of our village football team. Also without the continuous support of our club members and locals our efforts would have been wasted. A period of ten years passed when we competed in the Port Talbot and District League, during this time the Club grew in stature on and off the field and in 1988 was re-elected back into the South Wales Amateur League. In the 1989/90 season the Club secured promotion into the First Division of the South Wales Amateur League. Also in this year our 350 all seating grandstand was built which is a proud result of all the hard work and commitment over the years. Now called the Boris Suhanski Stand it is a great tribute to the man himself. History was made in the 1990/91 season when we were promoted into the Welsh Football League and on the 24th August 1991 we played our first match against Milford United. Since our elevation into the Welsh League steady improvements have been made both on and off the pitch and in the millennium we erected our floodlighting. Our ground at Glenhafod Park Stadium is now the envy of most and is a symbol of what may be achieved when people pull together. In the 2003/2004 season the Club ended the season in the runners up spot in division one and just missed out on promotion to the Welsh Premiership behind eventual champions Llanelli. In the 2004/2005 season our club won the prestigious League Challenge Cup sponsored by Shamrock Travel for the first time at Ton Pentre. Promotion to the Welsh Premiership is the Clubs ambition and with the progress we are making this is not too far away. Further history was made in the 2005/06 season when the club lifted the prestigious Welsh League First Division Championship, only losing three games in the process throughout the whole season. An excellent achievement by our club. Further history was made by the club in the 2007/08 season when we won the MacWhirter Welsh league Division One Championship and the Nathaniel League Cup. We are the only club to achieve the League and Cup Double in our area. In the 2008/09 season the club continued its consistency by finishing Runners Up in Division One. Further celebration followed in the 2009/10 season when we lifted the MacWhirter Welsh league Championship for a third time. On-going ground and infrastructure improvements continued when the Club was selected as a training venue for the Swedish U19s Women's International team whilst they were competing in the UEFA European Championships in 2013.